Renovation of Sindri Plant

3202. SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a renovation scheme has recently been submitted by the Fertilizer Corporatioin of India in respect of the rationalisation of Sindri Plant;

(b) what is Government's response thereto; and

(c) whether it is a fact that unless drastic action is taken in this regard, more than 1600 employees are likely, to lose their jobs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As on 1st July, 1987 there were 749 surplus employees in the Sindri Unit. A scheme is being worked out to reduce the number of surplus employees.

Landless agricultural labourers in Madhya Pradesh

3203. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of landless agricultural labourers in the State of Madhya Pradesh at present;

(b) how these figures are compared with those of other States; and

(c) the various schemes under consideration or under implementation to provide help, financial or otherwise to such landless labourers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) and (b) The General Census of India 1981 gives the number of agricultural labourers in each State and Union Territory. A statement of the same is given below. Figures of landless agricultural labourers are not compiled.

(c) National Rural Employment Programme (NREP), Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP) and Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) are the three major programmes of the Government which provide wage and self-employment opportunities to the rural poor, including the landless labourers. Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme and National Rural Employment Programme provide wage employment through work projects in rural areas. Integrated Rural Development Programme provides self-employment by giving income generating assets through the package of loan and subsidy.

Statement

Sl. No.	State/UTs.	No. of Agricultural labourers (in 000)
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	7873
2	Arunachal Pradesh	7
3	Assam	466
4	Bihar	7136
5	Gujarat	2372
6	Haryana	552
7	Himachal Pradesh	41
8	Jammu & Kashmir	58
9	Karnataka	3362
10	Kerala	1803
11	Madhya Pradesh	4659
12	Maharashtra	6151
13	Manipur	38